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VANDALISM AS A SOCIAL PROBLEM

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One of the most pressing problems of our society is vandalism which seems to be spreading. There is abundance of reasons of misbehavior of vandals, who are mainly young people. But before telling about this problem, I would like to say, that vandalism is one of the types of antisocial behavior.

Antisocial behavior is a behavior which deviates with the expressed antisocial orientation that obtains in the extreme displays criminal character. It can be expressed in different forms of offences which lead to criminal or civil responsibility.

A word "vandalism" happened from the name of the german tribe of vandals, which ransacked Rome in 455. This tribe destroyed many monuments of ancient and christian culture. Vandals differed the special cruelty, they destroyed sacred objects and temples not only, but tried to do it especially humiliating appearance. The invention of the term "vandalism" is added to the member of the convention of the General States - the abbot Greguaru.

In 1794 he came forward with the "Lecture about destructions, vandalism made and facilities of their prevention". He called to stop the elimination of monuments of art. In XIX century a word "vandalism" entered in literary everyday life as the denotation of destruction or spoilage of works of art and monuments of architecture. Nowadays "vandalism" is mentioned as senseless elimination of cultural and financial values.

To begin with, lack of parental discipline is the main cause of vandalism. Parents think that street gangs will not foster the acts of antisocial behavior. Besides, their bogus attitudes and opinions toward some issues, for example, race, age or politics, may impose prejudices progressing to vandalism. Furthermore, some parents may preach these ideas setting a bad example for their children.

One of the most spreading acts of vandalism is graffiti. Although some teenagers are endowed, they should not scrawl it on any available blank space. Besides, they stated that there is fun in spray-painting walls, especially in the centre of the town. Young people are convinced that it is an art and want to beautify this area in order to lift the moods of people coming across. I believe that juveniles have no opportunities to direct their energy properly and make use of their potential. Open some sports centers, art schools and finance more money for education is the smallest but necessary step to stop the spreading of vandalism.

It is obviously that some acts of vandalism are the attempts of teenagers to floor their friends and to compel their respect in order to become the member of some gang. Besides, young people bigotedly destroy monuments which perpetuate our history in order to express themselves. They don't respect our country and don't appreciate our past. Nation without the past has no future.

To sum up, I believe that vandalism is not a problem which society can't cope with. If parents instill a sense of responsibility and the idea to engage young people in a variety of activities especially sports and if society don't shut eyes to this problem and do at least something, vandalism will be eradicated.